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Title: Differential Pressure Valve Employing Near-Balanced Pressure

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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The Applicants have reviewed the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 10, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from October 10, 2006 to December 10, 2006.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3739.